GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1356
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CENTRAL TEAM TO REVIEW SITUATION IN MANIPUR
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sent a Central Team to Manipur to review the various issues arising out of the ceasefire with NSCN;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Team has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. A Central team consisting of Shri I.D.Swami, Minister of State for Home Affairs and Dr. P.D. Shenoy, Additional Secretary (Home) visited Manipur from 5th July 2001 to 7th July, 2001. The team was sent to assess the situation on the spot and meet representatives of political parties, social workers, students groups, Non Governmental Organisationsand other associations. The team met and heard these groups and received representations. The team has submitted its report regarding the ground situation to the Home Minister. In a meeting with MPs and MLAs Forum of Manipur on 8.7.2001, Government had decided to review the ceasefire with NSCM(IM) in its entirety including the words `without territorial limits`. Prime Minister has also taken a meeting with the Chief Ministers of six North Eastern States and Governor of Manipur on 27th July 2001. After considering the views of the State Governments in the North East and the elected representatives and organisations/associations of various NE States, the Government has decided to drop the words `without territorial limits` from the ceasefire agreement, and Status quo ante as on 14.6.2001 will stand restored.